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Computer Uses Bad Language

ATLANTA — The computer didn't cuss, but it used bad language nevertheless.

In a mailing to the chairman of deacons in 30,000 Southern Baptist churches from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, the computer addressed all the letters: "Chairman, Board of Deacons."

A flurry of calls and letters from upset persons let the agency know deacons were not members of a board. They did not have ultimate responsibility for the church. They did not direct. They did see their role as servants of the church.

It was then that the Home Mission Board staff realized the computer had not been taught theologically correct language. The staff does agree, deacons are a ministering body serving Christ in the church.

Because of the bloopers, Bob Birmingham, director of the HMB's Services Section, hasn't decided if the computer's mouth will be washed out or not, but at least it will be taught a few less words when addressing deacons.

With recent trends, will the next assignment be to teach the computer non-sexist language — like "chairperson?"

TV Film On Christ Causes Some Stir

FORT WORTH (BP) — A six-hour film entitled "The Life of Christ," scheduled to be sponsored by General Motors on NBC-TV during the Easter season, has become controversial in some quarters, although little is known about the film to date, according to a Southern Baptist communications executive.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, who will attend a pre-screening of the film to determine its content, said he has received a large number of contacts concerning the film and quoting remarks reportedly made by G. Franco Zeffirelli, the film's director.

Stevens has written to Herbert S. Schlosser, president of the National Broadcasting Company, expressing concern about its content and seeking to learn precisely the nature of the film and NBC-TV's plans for it.

A newsletter put out by the Moody Adams Association in Baker, La., quotes "Faith" magazine as saying, "Director Zeffirelli told a news magazine reporter, 'I ... see Jesus as an ordinary man, gentle, fragile, simple ... Of course, the public is going to be annoyed that I am destroying their myths ... yet in view of the constant reinterpretation of Jesus' life and the tone of our contemporary society, I believe the changes which I have made are valid.'"

In his letter to Schlosser, Stevens said of Zeffirelli, "If his statements concerning his treatment of the deity

FMB Votes

\$25,000 To Quake Victims

RICHMOND (BP) — Looking to both physical and spiritual needs, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board voted here to send \$25,000 to aid Baptist earthquake victims in Romania and also allocated \$25,000 for a major city evangelism effort now beginning in Hong Kong.

Since Romanian officials have indicated they have sufficient supplies of food and clothing at the present time, the board will make money available to the Romanian Baptist leaders instead of trying to send supplies, said J. D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

The money will be offered to the Baptist Union of Romania through John David Hopper of Austria, Southern Baptist fraternal representative to the Baptists of Eastern Europe. More funds may be made available if needed.

Reports indicate that at least two Baptist Union of Romania through Poesti were demolished by the March 4 quake, Hughey said. Two students

attending the Baptist seminary in Bucharest were reported killed as they were shopping in a supermarket which collapsed.

Southern Baptists have had no missionaries working in Romania since the start of World War II, but the denomination made major contributions to Romanian Baptist work in the pre-war years by starting the Bucharest Seminary and a girls' training school. World War II and the establishment afterward of a Communist government ended Southern Baptist participation in the work, and Romanian Baptists became one of the most isolated Baptist groups in Europe.

In recent years, Romanian Baptists have made good use of their limited freedom, reports indicate, and almost every Baptist congregation in the country has at least doubled its membership since World War II.

The \$25,000 voted for major city evangelization in Hong Kong is the initial appropriation for a 1977-78 penetration and saturation evangelism project. Planners of the campaign are hoping to start 2,000 home Bible study groups in all areas of the city of more than four million people.

The project is sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board's department of evangelism and church development and the Hong Kong Baptist Convention. Baptists in Hong Kong plan to raise \$100,000 for the two-year evangelism emphasis, with much of the money going for copies of scripture portions and mass media efforts.

First big event of the campaign is a Congress on Evangelism, scheduled March 20-27 at the Kowloon City Baptist Church. The Congress will provide information about the project and challenge pastors and lay leaders to participate.

The screening of "The Life of Christ" is scheduled by NBC-TV in New York City for March 25. Stevens and others have been invited to see for themselves whether the film downgrades the deity of Christ.

A rally at the 15,000-seat Kowloon Football Stadium, March 27, will be the kickoff for the major city evangelization effort. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif., will speak.

The board also appropriated \$5,000 requested by the Argentine Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) to aid flood victims in the provinces of Santa Fe, Formosa and Chaco.

Frank K. Means, the board's secretary for Eastern South America, said additional money may be needed if floodwaters continue to rise.

At the same meeting, held at the board's headquarters, a change was also approved in accounting proce-

dures for handling of world relief and hunger funds. To facilitate reporting on the use of world hunger funds, the board voted to set up a separate world hunger account, effective April 1. All other relief funds will be handled in the regular relief account.

The board also heard a preliminary report on the 1976 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions which showed that through March 7 a total of \$21,496,715 had been received in Richmond.

This is an increase of more than \$1,137,000 over the \$20,358,878 received by the same date last year.

The 1976 goal is \$29 million, up \$5 million over the 1975 goal of \$24 million. The 1976 books on the offering will remain open until the end of April. Total receipts in the 1975 offering were \$26,169,421.

The board's executive director Baker J. Cauthen said the increase reported thus far reflects "the very ex-

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Think Tank Brainstorms About Future Missions

By Roy Jennings

NASHVILLE (BP) — A diverse group of 50 Southern Baptists immersed themselves in a "think tank" for two days here and proposed hundreds of ideas for communicating Christian missions during the next 25 years.

The collection of "idea people" from 12 states were brought together to work on missions education strategy, particularly new ways to teach and do missions.

Sponsors of the Missions Education Strategy Think Tank were the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Sunday School Board.

Many of the new ideas will be incorporated into mission strategies the five agencies will unveil at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in 1978. Brainstorming on the "why," "what," "who" and "how" of missions education, the roles of pastors, Brotherhood and WMU workers, missions board leaders, seminary professors, executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions, state Baptist

editors and SBC Executive Committee representatives proposed such ideas as beginning missions curriculum plans for new Christians and advanced curriculum plans for "core church members."

They also called for a graduate school of world missions in the seminaries, metro mission centers in urban areas led by missionaries, mobile missions displays for use by churches, associations and state conventions, and mission study tours.

Another group proposed development of a cradle-to-the-grave curriculum plan on missions so people can plug in anywhere and insertion of more missions information in Sunday School lessons.

The ideas also included mission first aid kits, missions education digest for pastors, syndicated foreign mission programs, touring mission drama companies, devotional guides on missions education, and church, association and state camps depicting *cultures where Southern Baptist missionaries serve*.

The group took the advice of Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, executive director of WMU. She called on the brainstormers at the outset to "untie yourself, avoid the constraints of tradition and present organization, dream about what we can do during the next 25 years in missions education, then put a foundation under those dreams."

Glendon McCullough of Memphis, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, urged the think tank teams to exercise the principle of flexibility and propose ideas that are flexible.

"We have come to a day in Southern Baptist life in which we will have to be one team in our missions program," McCullough said.

Sponsors used four presenters to prime the minds of the idea developers.

Describing the "what" of missions education, Jack Gray, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, identified 55 bodies of content for motivating Southern Baptists to increase their support of missions and commitment to missions.

Gray grouped his suggestions in three mission study categories, bibli-

cal and theological, historical and biographical, and practical and denominational.

Presenting the "why" of missions education, O. D. Morris, area coordinator for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, said Southern Baptists have a responsibility to carry the gospel of good news to the world.

To share the good news, Southern Baptists need to be more aware of what's happening in the world, Morris indicated.

"Our people need to be aware that Mexico City will be the largest city in the world by the year 2000 if it continues to grow at its present rate.

"And an age of scarcity is upon us. But I see it as an opportunity for us to get our heads screwed back on straight," Morris said in cautioning Southern Baptists to avoid becoming anti-missionary in irritation over the soaring price of coffee.

"The hope of our world is a people with a global consciousness. This is *only by nurturing Christians in a Christian community*," he said.

Morris, a researcher, told the thinkers a new list of sins were emerging.

He identified them as waste, planned obsolescence, fad and fashion, pollution, disharmony, intolerance, generation, nearsightedness, over consumption, and corporate isolationism.

In a presentation on the "who" of missions education, Floyd Craig, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, advised the groups to learn more about their audiences before selecting a communications channel.

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Find Help On Page 3

Each week information concerning programs and conferences designed to aid the work of church members throughout Mississippi is to be found on Page 3. Baptists can stay abreast of the latest developments and be aware of the latest church program aids by reading Page 3 of the Baptist Record weekly.

Magazine Expose Reveals Children Of God Excesses

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — The shroud of secrecy which has sheltered the Children of God from public scrutiny has been pulled aside by two former members in an interview for a major article in the Feb. 18 issue of Christianity Today.

In the article, titled "The Children of God: Disciples of Deception," the young men reply to questions presented by Joseph M. Hopkins, a professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. Their replies to questions indicate that the COG has degenerated into an immoral, money-hungry constituency which has forgotten the faith.

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WMU Convention

At right are Mr. and Mrs. Dolton Hagan, missionaries serving in Mississippi. They are among the missionaries who will be speaking during the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Tupelo, March 21-23.

Below is a complete program. The meeting also features Mrs. Frances Smira, another Mississippian, on the program.

Marjean Patterson is State WMU director.



Theme: Stand Strong In The Lord

Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo

March 21-23, 1977

Monday Night

7 p.m.	Hymns of Praise Prayer Greetings from Harrisburg Business	Mrs. Kerry Grantham Mrs. Emmitt Cross Mrs. James Burns
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Calendar of Prayer	Mrs. Elmo Simmons
Hymn	
Offertory Prayer	
Offering	
Special Music	
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi	Blue Mountain College Singers
STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi	Dr. Robert L. Hamblin
WMU History—Mrs. J. L. Johnson	
Prayer	

TUESDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m.	Hymns of Praise Calendar of Prayer STANDING STRONG... in Bangladesh	Rev. & Mrs. R. T. Buckley
	Honoring Parents of Missionaries	Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr.
	MY DREAMS AS STATE PRESIDENT	Mrs. Robert Smira
	Hymn	
	Offertory Prayer	
	Offering	
	Election of Officers	
	Special Music	
	STANDING STRONG... in Woman's Missionary Union	Mrs. Grantham
	STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi	Carolyn Weatherford
	WMU History—Mrs. A. J. Aven	
	Prayer	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m.	Hymns of Praise Calendar of Prayer STANDING STRONG... in English Language churches overseas	Mrs. Charles Ray and Rev. & Mrs. L. Parkes Marier
	STANDING STRONG... in HOME MISSIONS	Discussion led by Rodney Webb
	Curtis Ferrell Dolton Hagan David Myers Frank Ruiz Paul Vandercook Chee Wu	
	MY LIFE... A Product of Home Missions	
	STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi WMU History — Mrs. Ned Rice	
	Prayer	

TUESDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m.	Hymns of Praise Prayer YOUNG PEOPLE STANDING STRONG IN EDUCADOR AND LIBERIA	Mrs. Grantham Mrs. Harvey Haggard
	Greetings Special Music	Carolyn Weatherford and Calvin Isaac
	STANDING STRONG... in Acteens	Baptist Young Women Choir
	MEET THE MISSIONARIES	Talitha Edwards

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 a.m.	Hymns of Praise Calendar of Prayer STANDING STRONG... in Spain and the Philippines	Mrs. Grantham Mrs. H. L. Murphy
	Hymn	Charles Whitten and Rev. and Mrs. James Foster
	STANDING STRONG... through Mission Study	Carolyn Weatherford
	THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS IN MISSISSIPPI WMU	Marjean Patterson
	Hymn	
	STANDING STRONG... in World Missions	Dr. James Richardson
	STANDING STRONG... in Mississippi WMU History—Mrs. J. T. Lyons	Jan Cossitt
	Prayer	

Ridgecrest To Host 1977 Church REC Week

NASHVILLE — Approximately 40 special interest conferences, designed to increase the effectiveness of Christian recreation leaders in local churches, will be offered during this summer's Church Recreation Conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department, Church Recreation Week is scheduled June 4-10, to begin the 1977 summer season at Ridgecrest. No Church Recreation Conference is scheduled for Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Adults may choose from such conferences as basic and advanced crafts, stitchery, puppet construction, family recreation and recreation for senior adults. Youth topics include creative Bible study, improvisations and dramatic games, table games and campcraft skills.

Separate Bible study and conference schedules will be observed by youth and adults each morning, but afternoon recreation and evening worship services will be held jointly.

Special features for youth will be daily "spectaculars," presented to involve young persons in creative worship through such recreational tools as puppetry and drama. Also, the youth choir of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will assist with the week's music program, including a special presentation of the musical "Celebrate Life!"

Program personalities for the week include Wallace Henley, pastor of Old Spanish Fort Baptist Church, Spanish

Fork, Ala., worship leader; Bill Anderson, editor in the Sunday School Board's church music department, music leader; and Paul Powell, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex., adult and youth Bible study leader.

Provisions will be made for children who attend the conference with their parents. Children who have completed the first grade but have not entered the seventh grade will be enrolled in Day Camp. Younger children will be cared for in the Preschool Building.

Reservations for the Church Recreation Conference, which begins with the evening meal on Saturday and concludes the following Friday at noon, may be made by writing Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770. A \$15 conference service fee should accompany each request.

Seoul (RNS) — Six officers of a pharmaceutical company related to the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon have been indicted here on tax evasion charges. The South Korean government prosecutor's office has charged that the Il Hwa Pharmaceutical Company evaded \$6 million in taxes owed in connection with the production and export of ginseng tea.

Toronto, Ont. (RNS) — Pentecostal churches in French-speaking Quebec have been opening at the phenomenal rate of a church-a-month over the past two years, according to reports of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Pastors' Retreat

Coming Apr. 18-20

A career guidance consultant, a pastor active in lay renewal, and the executive secretary treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are among the featured speakers for a Baptist pastors' retreat, April 18-20.

The retreat, aimed primarily at pastors in North Mississippi will be held at Camp Zion in Myrtle. A retreat for pastors in the southern end of the state will be scheduled later.

Sponsored by the department of Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries of the MBCB, the retreat costs only a \$10 registration fee to cover insurance.

Fred McGehee, consultant in career guidance for the Baptist Sunday School Board will speak on building an effective counseling ministry. Emory Wallace, pastor of FBC, DeRidder, La., will deliver four messages on the pastor's relationship role. And Earl Kelly, head of the MBCB, will be teaching the Book of Revelation throughout the retreat.

Program personnel with Mississippi ties are: Paul Brooks, pastor of Woodlawn Church in Vicksburg; John Causey, pastor of FBC, Corinth; Roy Collum, director of evangelism for the MBCB; Guy Culver, missions director for Union County; Bob Gray, minister of music at FBC, New Albany; Gus Merritt, pastor of Clarke-Venale.

Burly Red, outstanding conductor and composer, will be guest conductor for the State Young Musicians' Festival on March 26. Some 2,500 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls from all over the state will gather at the Jackson Coliseum to participate in this event which is sponsored annually by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dan Hall is department director.

Under Red's direction, the young musicians will perform "A Rhyme, A Riddle, A Song" by Grace Hawthorne and Burly Red. This collection of worship music for today's children was written to fit many situations and needs, all in unison with optional harmony parts. Drama will also be used with the presentation, involving young musicians from various groups over the state.

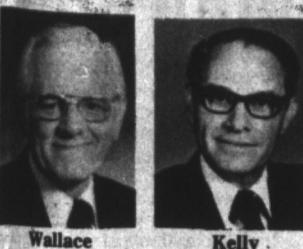
Special entertainment will be furnished by Bill Day, a native Mississippi musician who has served several churches in the state. He is now affiliated with Townsend Music Company of Columbus and is known for the state.

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"One of the objectives of these conferences is to help the minister of education raise the level of his personal and professional esteem," Beal explains. "He is a professional, and he does not need to think that he is second level."

The first Personal Growth Conference was held in Washington, D.C. Jan. 24-26. Dates and locations for the remaining conferences are Richmond, Va., March 21-23; Ridgecrest, N.C., March 28-April 1; Columbia, S.C., April 28-30; Cedarmore, Ky., May 19-20; and Birmingham, Ala., May 26-27.

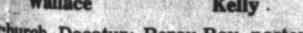
A \$15 registration fee includes all conference materials and the new book, *The Work of the Minister of Education*. The fee should be sent to Will Beal, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37224. Housing information will be sent after registration.



McGehee



Wallace



Kelly

church, Decatur; Percy Ray, pastor, Myrtle church; Carl Savel, pastor Woodville Heights church in Jackson; Ben Scarborough, pastor of New Prospect church in Lafayette County; Len Turner, pastor of Colonial Heights church in Jackson; and Paul Williamson, pastor of Richland church in Jackson.

Leon Emery is director of the retreat-sponsoring department.

Why do these progressive churches obtain the funds to provide such enviable facilities? The funds come from the members of that particular congregation.

Across the years they have been taught and committed to the biblical practice of Christian stewardship. There are enough potential resources available in any church community to do anything Christ wants that church to do. These resources are in the possession of God's people, but they must be committed to God's work. The church that does not properly develop its members as informed and committed stewards is robbing its people of their right to the realization of God's blessings on their lives.

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Churches continue to have financial problems only because church leaders and church people are willing for it to be so. In Acts 6, the church chose seven men to appoint over the financial needs of that early church relating to its distribution problem. There are churches today that desperately need men of good report, full of the Spirit and wisdom, to help with the business of the church. Pastors must have such support and assistance if they are to minister effectively.

Elected church officials are responsible to God for their leadership, or lack of leadership. One hates to call himself a leader when those whom he is supposed to be leading are constantly stepping on his heels! Leaders, to be leaders, must be out in front challenging the people to move forward. They must wave the banner and talk up the cause until there is adequate progress toward meeting selected goals and objectives.

As one brother said, "It is a crying shame to look at the lack of real leadership in some of our churches. Without leadership they will never be able to escape the grip of mediocrity them."

They call and challenge is for leaders to be leaders. Help with almost any problem facing a Baptist church congregation, financial or otherwise, that human resources can solve, is available for the asking. What our Lord said about prayer can also be said about other types of needs in the churches: "Ye have not because ye ask not." Why not utilize the vast human knowledge and resources that are available without cost through your Baptist Building staff? Ask, and you will receive!

One unmistakable indication of real leadership is to know where to get help and get it!

CHURCH MUSIC

Burly Red Conducts

For Young Musicians

music programs he presents at banquets and other events for adults and young people, as well as for children.

The collection will be presented with taped accompaniment along with live rhythm instruments. Mrs. Jan King of Broadmoor Baptist Church will serve as rehearsal accompanist. The day's activities will begin with registration and seating at 9:15 and will conclude with the concert at 1:45 p.m.

The Missions Task

Financial Diversity

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department, MBCB

While riding across this beautiful state, a close observer cannot help but notice that there is great diversity in the 1950 Baptist churches. They vary in size, location, and architecture. Another major difference is in their financial affairs. As you ride through the countryside you come upon some of the nation's most beautiful Baptist church buildings located in predominantly rural areas. A beautiful building, with well-kept grounds, isn't everything, but one cannot escape the fact that it is one indication of that congregation's feeling toward God. Like King David, they understand that the church house is not just another building! Nearby will usually be a modern, well-kept pastor's home. A nice parsonage indicates how they feel toward their pastor and his family. He certainly deserves as nice a home as the majority of the church members enjoy. Usually these nice church buildings and pastor's homes are possessed by congregations who also have a deep and meaningful commitment to missions. They support the work of the association and give meaningful support to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Where do these progressive churches obtain the funds to provide such enviable facilities? The funds come from the members of that particular congregation. Across the years they have been taught and committed to the biblical practice of Christian stewardship. There are enough potential resources available in any church community to do anything Christ wants that church to do. These resources are in the possession of God's people, but they must be committed to God's work. The church that does not properly develop its members as informed and committed stewards is robbing its people of their right to the realization of God's blessings on their lives.

Why do some churches have financial problems? Mostly because of a failure on the part of the church to place stewardship education and promotion in its proper place as a regular part of the church program. Programs are available that will match the needs of any church anywhere in the state regardless of background, size, or location.

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Editorials

The Legislature Is Important

The state Legislature is very important in the lives of all of us. We can't always tell what is going on in the halls of our Legislature, but it behoves us to try. A sizeable amount of what goes on has to do with ethics or morality and even religion.

Last year, as readers will recall, the Legislature passed its bill that allows liquor sales at the Jackson airport, which is located in dry Rankin County. Readers may get tired of reading about that, but it is hard to imagine anything any more ludicrous.

Also last year there was a bill passed that makes possible the establishment of wineries in Mississippi with almost no license fee and very little tax as long as the grapes for such wine-making operations, or at least 51 per cent of the grapes, are grown in Mississippi.

So far, according to newspaper reports, there has been one applicant for such a winery—the senator who introduced the bill.

This year there were a number of bills concerning alcohol introduced in the Legislature. Some were good. Some were not. Some died for one reason or another. Some made it to the governor's desk. One of those bills which we could do without but which was passed by both houses nevertheless was the one which will allow liquor sales in resort areas on election days (HB390). This is what is called the

foot-in-the-door technique.

Its passage was supposed to benefit the coast area, where most of the tourists are. Already, however, there are interests at work, again according to news reports, to study the possibility of making Jackson a tourist center.

It's not such a big deal—selling liquor in resort areas on election days. Enough liquor flows on normal days that such a change would be hardly noticeable. And Mississippi, legally, is a dry state. It will not be long before the people who do not live in resort areas will begin to feel they are being put upon in not being able to buy drinks on election days as those who live in resort areas will be able to do. And soon there will come the cry that prohibition in Mississippi is a farce anyway and should be done away with.

Not all liquor bills this year were bad ones. Both the House and the Senate passed bills that would add a 3 per cent markup on alcoholic beverages for the purpose of funding alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation. HB 444 has gone to the Senate Finance Committee. SB 2541 is in the Ways and Means Committee in the House. The 3 per cent markup is to finance treatment for problems caused by alcohol and for rehabilitation for those who have been almost destroyed by it. That's rehabilitation for the drinkers, not for their innocent victims.

One of these bills, HB 259, is now before the Senate Finance Committee. HB 480, the bill that would have established regulations for youth camps, was voted down in the House this week by a vote of 58 to 57.

This session is almost over. It ends April 3. All the action is not over, however. Let's be on the alert for what is still to come before the final adjournment.

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To which the answer must be, hal-luh-jah.

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said that "gratuitous, excessive violence serves no useful purpose."

A CBS program chief declared, "We've been involved in trying to cut down violence since 1968."

A story consultant on one of the shows has said that the program practices area-of-one-network (CBS) is "zealous, perhaps over zealous. I think they are getting stricter."

Producers are saying they are making efforts to live with new controls the networks are placing on their shows. One said it does not pay "to attempt reality... There's just too much pressure and strain."

So it seems the effort is paying off. But that doesn't mean a let up is in order. A letter to the networks expressing appreciation for the anti-violence attitude would be helpful. Here are the addresses:

ABC: Audience Information Dept., ABC-TV, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

CBS: Marjorie Holyoke, Audience Services, CBS-TV, 51 West 52nd St., New York, NY 10019.

NBC: Betty Hoffmann, V-P, Audience Information, NBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

PBS: Julie Osier, Screening Coordinator, Public Service Broadcasting, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019.

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Guest Editorial

Baptists And Booze

A very well-known public relations expert stated in a meeting in Kansas City a few years ago that all he knew about Southern Baptists was that they kept him from drinking cocktails at Lambert Field (St. Louis airport). In a backhanded way he paid Southern Baptists a compliment. Even those who voted for cocktails were included. The gentleman was aware that Baptists and booze were not allies and that the "traditional" Baptist position was total abstinence.

Most (many? some?) Baptist churches have adopted a church covenant which states "to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage." The covenant is usually adopted "unanimously" and forgotten. New church members rarely know of its existence and there is no provision in the covenant to encourage adherence.

An old prohibition campaign rebut-

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Letters To The Editor

Re: Anita Bryant

I am sure by now that you all are already writing something in behalf of Anita Bryant. That has really upset me to think that Singer Sewing Machine Company would cancel a program called "S.E.W." because Anita as a hostess would be too controversial! I am sure that they are not aware of the views of millions of Baptists and I certainly hope that we are going to come out with a voice that is loud and clear against homosexuality and a vote for Anita Bryant.

I have just finished writing a letter to Mr. Edward Trevorrow, Vice President of Singer Sewing Machine Co., Elizabeth, N. J. I am enclosing a copy.

Carolyn Peeples Ellis
Box 932
Greenwood, Miss. 38901

Mr. Edward Trevorrow

Vice President

Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Elizabeth, N. J.

Re: Anita Bryant

Dear Mr. Trevorrow:

I am very disappointed in the Singer Sewing Machine Company cancelling "S.E.W." with Anita Bryant. Not only am I disappointed, I am shocked!

How could you dare not to speak out against what is illegal, immoral and corrosive to our way of life—homosexual behavior. With Anita you could have said "Sing with Singer."

Now I will always think of you as "Sin with Sin er!"

Carolyn P. Ellis
Box 932
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Thank you very much for this letter, and the point is very well taken. Thankfully, a later report is that Singer has reinstated the show.

By O. L. Bayless
Former Editor
Rocky Mountain Baptist

Book Reviews

TEXTBOOKS ON TRIAL by James C. Hesley (Victor Books, 212 pp., \$6.95). An eye-opening report of objectionable materials found in text-books now in use in many public schools, and of what people can do to rid the schools of these books and induce publishers to produce better ones. This is the story of a Baptist couple in Texas who discovered what was in the books their children were using, and did something about it. It was a long, hard road, but these parents did not give up, and in the power of Christ they did win a victory. The book tells much more as it also discusses the West Virginia textbook battle, and tells of problems elsewhere. This is an important book, and should be read by all Christians who are concerned about the education of our youth.

THE SINGLE PARENT by Virginia Watts (Fleming Revell, \$5.95, 163 pp.) Help cope as a parent and attain a personal goal of self-fulfillment, Virginia Watts gives a step-by-step plan for action, emphasizing that the Christian parent is not alone in moving into the new family role—the presence of a loving God will be a sustaining force. Overcoming fear, loneliness, depression, helping children adjust, develop relationships with the opposite sex—all aspects of a new life-style for the single parent are discussed in this invaluable guide.

OPEN HEART, OPEN HOME by Karen Burton Mains (David C. Cook, 198 pp., \$5.95) Karen Mains traces her personal awakening to Christian hospitality, the kind that eagerly opens heart and home to outsiders, the troubled as well as the stable, children as well as adults, the transient and permanent. Why? Because the Bible makes hospitality "an injunction, not an option," for the Christian, she says. "The rewards are not only companionship and love, but the opportunity for ministry to needy guests. In this inhospitable world, a Christian home is a miracle to be shared."

AT THE MASTER'S FEET by Sadhu Sundar Singh (Fleming Revell, \$3.95, 90 pp.) This is a new edition of a classic written more than half a century ago in the Urdu language. It was translated by Arthur and Mrs. Parker. The Christian evangelism of Sadhu Sundar Singh of India had a lasting impact on many. One of those affected by the depth of his faith was Corrie ten Boom who cites his spiritual example in her book, *In My Father's House*. Within a framework of conversations held between Master and disciple, the author presents his message with arresting parables and brilliant imagery.

AMERICA: GARDEN OF THE GODS and Other Messages by James Robison (Cross Roads Publications, 132 pp., \$5.95) Eight dynamic sermons by one of America's best known and most widely used evangelists of the present hour. Here are messages on Christ and salvation and man's need, just as this warm-hearted, fervent witness preached them, in revivals across the land. They are Bible based, clear in interpretation, direct in application, and richly illustrated. This is preaching that reaches hearts.

I asked myself, "If they value life, why do they treat it so carelessly?" But then I had to admit that if you drive a car anywhere any day of the week, you'll soon find out that it's not just the young people who treat life carelessly.

Young and old, men and women, black and white—we drivers are all guilty at one time or another. And I did say "we."

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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

One morning a telephone rang in a medium-sized city. When a bank president answered, a policeman's voice gave him the news that his daughter was dead. Three other fathers in the city received a similar message on the same day.

All over the nation people opened their newspapers to read: "Three teen-agers, two girls and a boy, were killed when they were trapped on a railroad trestle about 10 a.m. by a Central of Georgia freight train. A companion on the holiday hunting jaunt jumped from the trestle into the river and was saved."

How could the young people have been so foolish as to cross the trestle, knowing that trains regularly travel that track? Perhaps one suggested using the trestle as a shortcut; the others, afraid of being ridiculed for not conforming, accepted the perilous challenge.

Another newspaper printed the story of two girls dying in a railroad tunnel in much the same way. The following summer a girl died when she fell from slippery rocks above a 50-foot waterfall. The area was plainly marked, "Danger."

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steady rain slowed to a slight drizzle, but the roads were still wet. I heard the warnings about "slick when wet" roads, but you know you always think those don't pertain to you.

Usually I try to avoid passing a big truck on a two-lane road, but that morning I was in a hurry. I started to pass the truck, but just as I was even with it the other vehicle struck a deep puddle and slung water across my windshield. Suddenly blinded, I panicked and hit the brakes. Then I found out what it means to lose control of your car. I found out I wasn't so smart after all. When you've lost control, that means you are no longer in control. You go where the car goes. My car swerved sharply to the right, narrowly missing the rear end of the truck (the driver kept going and I suppose never knew what happened to me.)

I was headed for a light post and I was thinking, "Well, this is what it's like to have a wreck. I'm either dead or crippled for life."

At the same time I was praying. And I was trying to turn the steering wheel to avoid the post. Probably my tugging at the wheel made the car tip over to the left. Anyhow, it tilted on two wheels and stood poised there for what seemed to be forever, then dropped onto all four again, and stopped. My foot was still on the brake. I had crossed a shallow ditch, missed the post, and hurtled about 150 feet out into a field.

I took a deep breath, dropped my head against the steering wheel, and said, "Thank you, Lord." I backed into the highway and continued my trip. I was late for the holiday dinner because I slowed down—but I did get there.

Not only had I been going too fast, I had been pushing my endurance. I had been careless with my life, and that of the truck driver. Afterward I took time to think of the far-reaching implications of the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Voting Record On HB 390

The record of the vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate on HB 390, the bill that would allow liquor sales in resort areas on election days, is recorded below. It was felt that Mississippi Baptists would be interested in the vote.

Senate

Yea — 25; Nay — 22 Absent And/or not voting — 5

Voting "Yea": Alexander; Bodron; Burdin; Cassibry; Corlew; Crook; DeCell; Deweese; Dyer; Fraiser; Gresham; Harpole; Maloney; Molpus; Noblin; Overstreet; Rhodes; Smith; Martin; Smith; David; Steckler; Stone; Strider; Tucker; Walters; Wright.

Voting "Nay": Brooks; Caldwell; Chidire; Davis; Ford; Guy; Hickman; Lee; McLeod; Montgomery; Moore; Mulholland; Pickering; Powell; Purvis; Robinson; Smith; Theodore; Stringer; Summers; Waldrop; Watkins; Wilson.

Absent and/or not voting: Ellington; Ingram; Nix; Sanford; Yarbrough.

House Of Representatives

Yea — 81; Nay — 38; Absent — 8

Voting "Yea": Abraham; Anderson, D.; Anderson, R. G.; Anderson, R. E.; Andrews; Arrington; Atkins; Banks; Blessey; Blount; Brown; Buelow; Case; Chambless; Clark, R. G.; Coleman; Comprett; Cossar; Deaton; Disheroon; Dolar; Doxey; Edwards; Endris; Ferguson; Fortenberry; Gollott; Gordon; Grist; Halbrook; Hall; Harned; Havens; Hendry; Herring; Hollinger; Holmes; J. S. Horne; Huggins; Jackson; Jolly; Lambert; Levi; Lippin; Lynn; Manning; McDade; McIngvale; McInnis; Merideth; Millette; Morrow; Neal; Neblett; Nipper; O'Beirne; O'Keefe; Owens; Pearson; Perry; Pierce; Poindexter; Presley; Price; Raney; Richardson; Sanderson; Shumake; Simpson; Smith; J. L. Stennis; Stringer; Stubbs; Summer; Walman; Wells; Wilkinson; Williams; C. V. Williams; G. B. Wiseman; Newman.

Voting "Nay": Benjamin; Brooks; Buchanan; Burkes; Canon; Clark; R. O.; Cook; Cross; Fitchett; Gilbreath; Haynes; Hollingsworth; Holmes; C. J. Johnson; J. E. Johnson; L. C. Livingston; Long; Mabry; McCall; McCrary; Miller; Montgomery; Nunnally;

SBC Among Top Denominations In Foreign Mission Personnel

MONROVIA, Calif. (RNS) — The new edition of Mission Handbook issued by World Vision International here reveals that Protestant missions from North America are "doing well" worldwide, with an upsurge of youth involvement.

Mission Handbook, published triennially by the Mission Advanced Research and Communication Center (MARC) division of World Vision, contains information on 620 Protestant agencies working in 182 countries outside the U.S. and Canada.

Total mission giving in the U.S. and Canada is up from \$393 million in 1972 to \$656 million in 1975, according to the new 11th edition of Mission Handbook. Giving for missions outstripped inflation by 29 per cent. Some 37,000 of the total estimated World Protestant mission force of 55,000 come from the U.S. and Canada.

Edward R. Dayton, director of MARC and handbook editor, said young people appear to be increasingly interested in the missions.

He said mission agencies have responded to this interest, with 60 per cent reporting development of summer youth programs. Some mission agencies are geared especially for short-term youth, including Youth With A Mission with 1,000 short-termers, Teen Missions with 745 and Operation Mobilization with 200 from North America and hundreds from other countries.

The new handbook shows that missionaries are involved in a variety of services: 25 per cent are involved in direct communication of the Christian message with the purpose of winning men and women to Christ and making disciples; 25 per cent are engaged in

helping to strengthen national churches.

Although there are 620 agencies, the majority of missionaries and funds for overseas ministries continue to be concentrated in about 18 agencies, which comprise more than 50 per cent of the overseas force. Some 26 agencies accounted for 50 per cent of all reported income from North America.

In terms of overseas personnel, the largest agencies were: Wycliffe Bible Translators (2,693); Southern Baptists (2,667); Seventh-day Adventists (1,360), Churches of Christ (1,296), Assemblies of God (1,081), Baptist Mid-Missions (905), and TEAM (892).

In terms of 1975 income for overseas ministry, the leading agencies were: Southern Baptists (\$52 million), Seventh-day Adventist (\$25 million), Church World Service of the National Council of Churches (\$23.5 million) Assemblies of God (\$22.1 million), World Vision International (\$20.6 million).

Brazil continues to receive the largest number of missionaries (2,068), followed by Japan (1,545), Mexico (1,209), the Philippines (1,159), and Kenya (929). Some 36 per cent of the overseas Protestant missionary force are in Latin America, 30 per cent in Asia, and 26 per cent in Africa.

Deacons Do Live To See 100:



James Muroock (Jim) McLeod, honorary deacon and a member of Paul Truitt Church, Rankin County, celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 3. He was ordained as a deacon at Harrisville Church when he was a young man, and led the singing at that church for 60 years.

It was in Harrisville that he was born 100 years ago, and he has lived in that Simpson County town most of his life.

In 1904 he married Mary Clark of Mountain Creek, Rankin County. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1954. After she died in 1958, Jim lived with his daughter, Ramie Phillips, in Rankin County until December of 1976 when he returned to Harrisville to live with his son, DeWitt, on "the old home place."

There are 54 persons now in McLeod's family. All seven of his children were present for his 100th birthday celebration. They are Royce and Verna McLeod, Ruth Currie, Ramie and Macon Phillips, all of Jackson; Irene Touchton of Hattiesburg; W. D. and Mary Louise McLeod of Mendenhall; J. C. McLeod of Grand Bay, Alabama, and DeWitt and Esther McLeod of Harrisville.

Jeremiah Flowers

January 18, 1935—January 20, 1977

By B. F. Smith, Pastor
Pine Grove Baptist Church

Death came quietly to Jerry Flowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Flowers, Sr., Route 2, Ellisville about 4:30 on the afternoon of January 20, two days after his 42nd birthday. At age 17 Jerry was paralyzed in a high diving accident in Leaf River. He had been strong, a halfback on his high school football team, and fearless of danger.

For three years after his accident, Jerry was bitter, resentful, given much to complaining, refusing to believe or accept the possibility that he might not recover. He made life fairly miserable even for those who cared for him. Then, partly through the patient ministry of Rev. James Goodman and partly through his own introspection regarding his spiritual condition, he let Jesus take care of his life and destiny. Lying on a cot, he was baptized in a small lake near his home and became a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. From then on, he was a model patient, cheerful, loving, and appreciative of family and friends. His many visitors, some from far away always came away with a spiritual life, and a testimony to the transforming power of Jerry's God.

The entire large Flowers family — parents, sisters, brothers, nieces,

nephews — reordered their whole life style around Jerry's needs, to give him the round-the-clock care he required. In later years this included turning his body every half hour. The precise schedule of care agreed on by family members was kept without complaint, and their own family affairs seemed to prosper under the discipline. As one brother put it, "He kept our family united as it never could have been otherwise."

His room was fitted with hospital bed, radio, television with remote control, all the books he could read, and a bed rack that enabled him to turn pages with his tightly clenched hands. Personnel from the county health department made checks periodically, and occasionally he would have to go to the hospital briefly. His last hospitali-

zation lasted about two weeks.

Through reading Jerry became very well educated in the Bible and in religion, philosophy, science, history and current events. Always his Christian witness was positive and persuasive. Many family members accepted Christ or had their nominal church membership vitalized due to his prayers and his silent testimony. Five made public profession at his funeral and were baptized the following day — his father, two sisters, a brother and a brother-in-law. Of all those he influenced, some were first-time professed and some came from another denominational background in which they had been reared. So for 22 years Pine Grove Church has had a missionary as effective as any ever sent out by our boards. Jerry's books have



President's Pastor

In a reflective mood, Charles A. Trentham sits in his office at First Baptist Church, Washington, and discusses his role as President Carter's pastor. The 57-year-old minister says he hopes to use his opportunity as the President's pastor and as pastor of other governmental leaders to do something positive for the nation from a Christian perspective. (BP) Photo by Joel Richardson, Washington Post. Used by special permission of the Post.

Homecoming At Holly Springs

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will observe homecoming March 20. Guest speaker will be former pastor George C. Turnage of Silver Creek. Terry Walker, music director of New Sight (Lincoln) will be in charge of the music. Services will begin with Sunday School at 10 followed by worship service at 11. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service, beginning at 1:30, will be devoted to gospel singing. All offerings for the day will go for the upkeep of the cemetery, according to Pastor Glen McInnis.

Given to the church and will occupy a shelf in the church library as the "Jerry Flowers Collection."

Pine Grove community is forever enriched by having had this quiet, chaste and humble disciple of Jesus in their midst. Each of his contemporaries will treasure his own special memories of what this transformed and beloved young man has meant to his own spiritual growth.

(Written by his pastor, Dr. B. F. Smith.)

Highland Members Phone Missionaries

Highland Church, Meridian, observed "Home Missions Day in Sunday School" on March 6. Persons making each youth and adult department presentation contacted by telephone one missionary listed in the prayer guide for home use and talked about the mission work and special needs.

A feature of the department presentation was the relating of these needs to department members. Mrs. W. L. Jones, W.M.U. director and originator

LILLE, France — Southern Baptist missionaries from France and Belgium had an inspirational-spiritual retreat near here recently with 43 persons attending. R. Cal Guy, interim pastor of the Jurise International Baptist Church, Jurise, Belgium, led conferences on missions. Guy is professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., on sabbatical in Belgium and Bangladesh. An English minister led the sessions for the missionary children.

MC Award Goes To T. B. Brown

T. B. Brown, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary of Jackson, has been awarded the "Service to Humanity" award by Mississippi College for his outstanding contributions as a pastor and a leader in the field of Christian education.

Brown received his bachelor of science degree from Jackson State University and the master of arts from Northwestern University. In 1959, he received his B.D. from New Orleans Seminary and was later honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Brown has served for more than 18 years as pastor of the Mt. Helm Church in Jackson, the oldest Baptist church in central Mississippi established exclusively for ministry to blacks. He has served for 17 years as a teacher-missionary for Mississippi Baptist Seminary.



Left to right: Pastor, Jerry W. Stevens, Bob Mishler, Mrs. Sterling Thrower, Sterling Thrower, Dale McNeese, Lee Roy Lollar, Jr., Stanley Harpole, David Taylor and Waymon Goodman. (Photo by James Salley)

Calvary Celebrates Five-Star Sunday

Calvary Church, Columbus, observed Five-Star Sunday on February 27 in which they dedicated a recently purchased lot, a new building, a sanctuary organ and piano, and an activities bus.

The new building houses a large fellowship hall, modern kitchen, and Sunday School rooms.

The bus was bought several months ago to transport members on tours, to retreats, to camps, and to other church-related activities.

Pastor Jerry Stevens delivered the dedicatory message.

During the services, Charles House, chairman of deacons, offered the invoca-

Fire Destroys Terry's Creek Pastor's Home

The pastorium of Terry's Creek Church near Magnolia has been totally destroyed in a fire. Pastor John Hedgepeth and his family lost all of their clothes and other belongings in the fire.

Fire was discovered in the two-story, brick home between 1:30 and 2 a.m. One of the daughters alerted the family when a piece of burning ceiling fell on her bed. The family got out safely. There are six children ranging in age from 7 to 17. All live at home.

The house was seven years old and the church of 370 members had \$28,000 worth of insurance on it. The pastor's family had no insurance on the contents.

Terry's Creek Church is in Pike Association. Daniel West is the association director of missions.

The church had established a pastor's fund committee. The chairman is James Rimes, and his address is Route 3, Magnolia MS 39062.

Hedgepeth didn't lose his entire library because much of it is located in the church building. He did have some books in his house, however.

The church is trying to find a way of locating the family on the church field until the house can be rebuilt. Presently the family is staying with a relative in Monticello.

London (EBPS) — Although the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland has had women ministers since the year 1920, Baptist women have called upon their churches to stop thinking of them as second class members. A recent conference at Baptist Church House here which drew 150 women from many parts of England and Wales led to the conclusion that all too often women are regarded as inferior to men, at the local church level.

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YOUTH WEEK 77

Unity Youths At Pascagoula To Take Part In A Trialogue

Young people, parents, and workers with youth will get together Friday night, March 18, at Unity Church, Pascagoula, for a trialogue or a time of communication and conversation.

March 18-20 is Youth Week '77, and the trialogue at Unity is one of hundreds being held in Southern Baptist churches across the nation. The theme for the week is "Youth Discovering Discipleship."

Danny Von Kanel, minister of music and youth at Unity, says, "Youth week is an expression of our church's confidence in its youth as its eventual leaders. Through this major youth emphasis, our adults will see youth actively sharing their Christian faith. All young people in Jackson County are invited to participate."

The week at Unity began with the youth being invited to the Brotherhood Prayer Breakfast on Sunday morning. Then each youth teacher visited in the class or group he or she would be leading during the week, to observe methods used.

At the morning service March 13, Pastor Nolan Mapp presented the key of the church to Andy Tillman, youth pastor, a junior at Pascagoula High School.

Monday was designated as Commitment Day. Tuesday and Saturday were set for visitation reach-out. A covered dish dinner will be an event of Saturday, the 19th, followed by continued visitation of prospects.

On Wednesday night, the young

Tate Accepts Call

To Gulf Coast

Social Ministry

Robert C. Tate Jr., has accepted the position as part time Christian social minister for the Gulf Coast Association and the Jackson County Association.

Tate is currently serving as chaplain in the US Navy and will continue in this position until the end of this year. During the remainder of the year he will serve the two associations in a part time capacity, becoming full time at the end of 1977.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M; a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary; Master of Theology from Princeton Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from Eastern Theological Seminary.

He lives at Handsboro.

Corinth Church

Treasurer Dies

Elwood Little of Tallahatchie Association recently died, suddenly. He had been a life-long member of the Corinth Church (Tallahatchie) near Sobey and had served that church faithfully as a teacher and, for 23 years, as church treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Thomas Little, and one daughter, Melanie Little.

One of the church members stated, "His wonderful Christian life will be greatly missed by the entire community as well as his church."

Mrs. Don O'Quinn

Dies At Charleston

Linda O'Quinn, wife of Donald O'Quinn, pastor of First Church, Charleston, died Sunday night, March 6, at the age of 37. Ministers officiating at the March 8 funeral service at First Church, Charleston, were John Brock, Allan Stephens, J. Roy McComb, and Robert Self.

Survivors include her husband, one daughter, Margaret Ann, 12, and one son, Alan Morris, 7.

Mrs. O'Quinn's death was sudden and unexpected. At church time Sunday night she felt too ill to go with her family, though her son was to be baptized in the evening service. When they returned from church the family found that she had died in their absence.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, she had been married to O'Quinn for 16 years.

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Calvary, Jackson, Plans Two-Day Seminar For Formerly Marrieds

Two seminars for formerly marrieds will be held at Calvary Church in Jackson Sunday, March 20 and March 27, according to Joe H. Tuten, pastor.

Each seminar will be held from 6 to 7:15 p.m. with a fellowship hour set for 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, of the faculty of William Carey College will lead the seminar March 20, using as her subject "Single Parenthood."

Bill Washburn, an insurance agent of Jackson, will lead the seminar for March 27, using as his subject "The Second Marriage and Mended Hearts."

Tuten said that any formerly marrieds are invited to attend the seminars. There will be church training for children and nursery will be open.

A special event, a covered dish supper and gym party for any formerly

married parents and children will be held Friday, March 18 at the church at 6:30 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring casseroles, salads or desserts.

Weber To Begin

Pre-Easter Series

Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, is preaching the "Baptist Hour" sermons through May.

"The Baptist Hour" is a half-hour radio program produced and syndicated on 366 stations around the world by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

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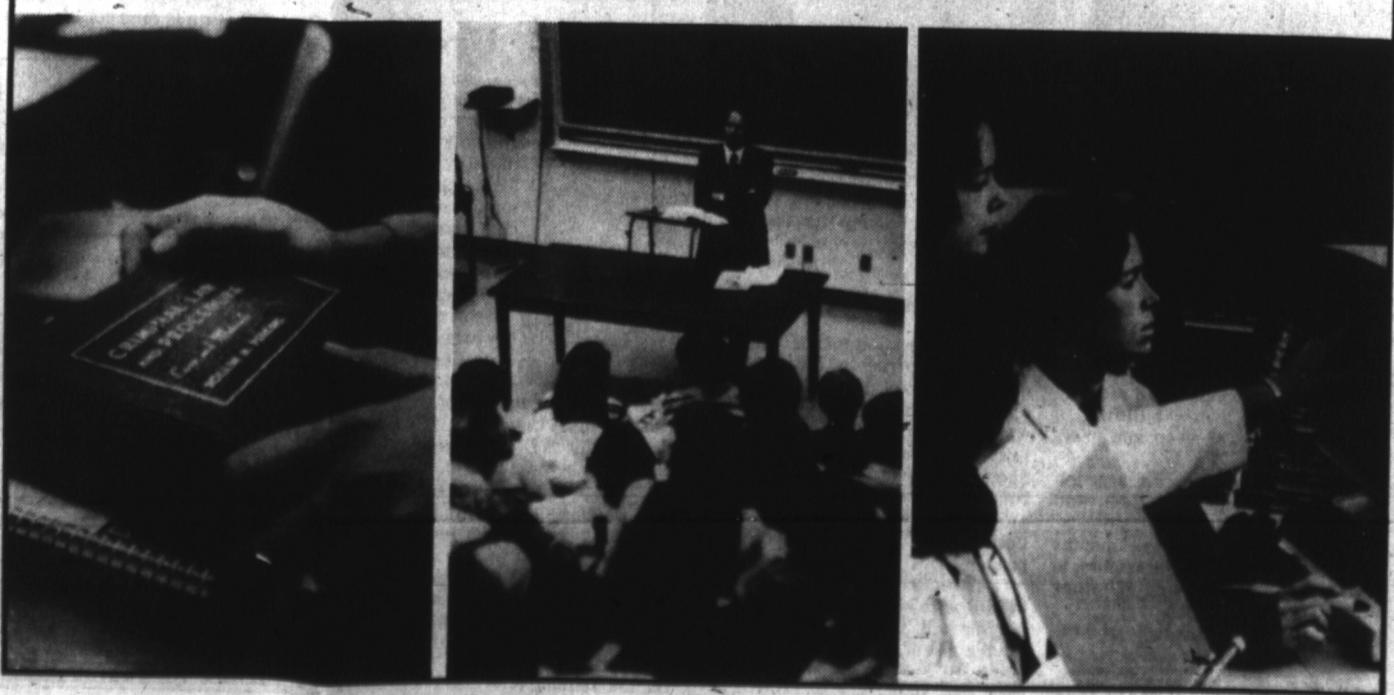
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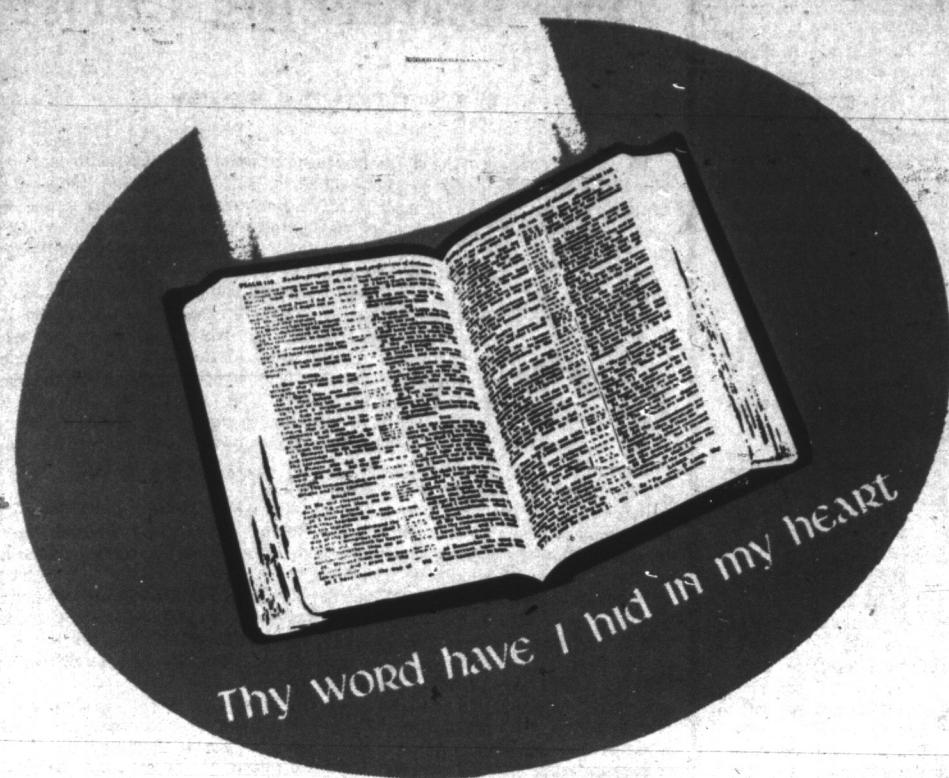
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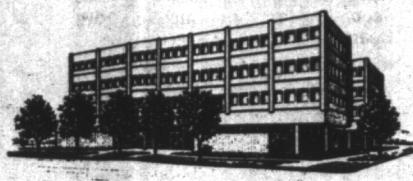


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Names In The News



Gloria Roe, left, was elected to the "Sacred Music Hall Of Fame". Robert G. Lee, right, made the presentation. She went to his Memphis church to sing when she was 15 years old. He has been a spiritual father to her, though her training was in the home of Mennonite immigrant grandparents.

Cliff Temple Baptist Church ordained David Upton and Danny Goldman to the deacon ministry Sunday night, February 27.

The pastor Bryant Hazlip, presented them with a certificate of ordination and a gift copy of the book *The Ministry of the Deacon*.

Howard Carpenter, member of First Church, Senatobia, and past president of the state Baptist Brotherhood, received the outstanding Citizen of the Year Award from the Senatobia Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 25 at the annual banquet. A teacher for 34 years, Carpenter is a member of the faculty in the education department of Northwest Mississippi Junior College at Senatobia. He is married to the former Edna Boone. Four of their five children are teachers. While participating in summer mission work he has spoken to groups in many parts of the country. The Winona native was the originator of the PeeWee Baseball program for 4 and 5-year-old boys in Senatobia. As chairman of the Tate County Historical Society, he edited *A History of Tate County*.

Byron Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula, is author of an article in the March Baptist Program, titled "Give to Show His Love."

Bethel Church (Copiah) has ordained Vance E. Windom, Jr. to the gospel ministry. On December 5, 1976, Nola Church, Lawrence Association, extended their call to him as pastor. Upon the request of Nola Church, Bethel proceeded with the ordination. Participating in the services were Ricky Kennedy, pastor at Bethel, Doug Warren, pastor of Calvary in Silver Creek, and H. B. Speights, former pastor of Bethel. Windom is married to the former Denise Tyson of Southern Hills Church, Jackson, a graduate of Clarke College. The couple is living on the church field at Nola. He is a sophomore at Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College, and plans to study next year at Mississippi College. His address is Route 1, Sontag, Miss. 39065.



Deacons of First Church, Ocean Springs, sponsored a reception March 6 at the church in expression of gratitude to Paul David Aultman for 12 years of ministry to the church. Aultman has led in the erection of a new sanctuary, offices and additional Sunday School room, activities building, and pastorage, and in the purchase of additional land, renovation of existing buildings, and increasing the budget five-fold. During his tenure as pastor at Ocean Springs, 1700 have been added to the church, 400 for baptism. Front row, above, are Johnathan Paul and Mark Andrew Aultman. Back row: James David, Kathleen, and Paul David Aultman.

Mrs. A. R. McCool, Jr., 1294 North Congress, Jackson, Mississippi WCTU state director of projection methods, was among 21 temperance leaders from 13 states who attended the 32nd Annual National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Leadership Training School held at the organization's national headquarters at Evanston Ill. March 8-16. Juanita Whisler of Evanston, the national union's promotion secretary, and director of its Department of Organization, presided over the classes.

Debbie Lindsey, left, missionary kid and nursing student at William Carey College gets acquainted with some of the family of the late Elaine Pearson of Hattiesburg. Debbie, the daughter of Robert Lindsey and Mrs. Lindsey of Jerusalem, Israel, is the first to receive a scholarship from the fund set up to honor Mrs. Pearson, outstanding church and civic leader who died in 1974. Mrs. Pearson's mother, Alice Colman, shares Debbie's playful moment with great-grandson, Nathan Hurt, as her daughter, Ann Hurt, looks on.

Mrs. Pearson's husband, Glen, is on the Carey Board of Trustees.

Terry Phillip Johnson, music student at William Carey College, presented his senior organ recital on March 3, in the sanctuary of Temple Church in Hattiesburg. A music education major, he is organist for the United Methodist Church of Terry. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson of Terry.

James Whittington is the new pastor of Emmanuel, Biloxi. A native of Terry, he has been pastor of several churches in Mississippi and has also served as full-time evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, may be addressed at P.O. Box 76, Pusan 600, Korea. He was born in Water Valley, Miss. Before they were appointed in 1971, he was pastor of Tangipahoa Church, Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon, missionaries to the Philippines, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 2444 Taft Ave., Manila, Philippines). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Franklin County.

Tommy Titus has accepted the call to become associate pastor at Southside Church, Jackson. Native of Helena, Arkansas, he is married to Michele Besse (Micky) and they have two children: Tommy, 10, and Cari, 6. Titus is a graduate of Clarke College and is presently attending Mississippi College. Ordained by Olivet Church, Gulfport, he has served as pastor of Conehatta Church for three years. He will serve Southside as Associate Pastor and will be responsible for Ministry in Education, Activities, and Outreach.

Nancy Ellis Robertson, assistant professor of music (voice) and director of the Blue Mountain College Singers, was selected to perform in the Conductor's Chorus at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association,

March 9-12, in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Robertson sang in both the 80 voice and 50 voice choirs which performed the closing concert. Conductor of the chorus was Helmut Rilling, famed German choral conductor. The concert and portions of the convention were filmed by Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (2nd German Television Network) of Mainz, Germany as part of a sixty-minute television documentary scheduled to be shown in Germany and parts of Austria, Belgium, France, and East Germany in November, 1978.

Devotional

The Disturbing Christ

By Bobby C. Perry, First, Moss Point

We most often think of the Messiah as the Comforter who comes with healing in His wings, speaking peace to troubled hearts. But Isaiah writes: "So shall he stirle many nations..." (Isa. 52:15, RSV). Here the Messiah is seen as one who disturbs, startles, and confounds. For some he will be a Deliverer, for others a Disturber. Christ endangers the thought patterns and way of life of those who hear Him.

First, Christ disturbs closed and prejudiced minds. It has been said that there is no pain like the pain of a new idea. We all have our own little thought-world that we do not want disturbed. The closed mind of the first century passed Bethlehem by despite the prophet Micah's word that the Messiah was to be born there. The closed mind of Nathaniel answered Philip's invitation to come and see Jesus with the question, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" — and yet Jesus hallowed Nazareth by spending thirty years of His life there. None of our prejudices are safe in the presence of Christ.

In the spring of 1924, Negro troops were stationed in Germany, and there was a great deal of resentment against them. Roland Hayes, the American Negro tenor, was touring Europe and had scheduled a concert in Berlin. When he appeared to sing, the audience hissed and booed. Hayes waited until they were quiet and then sang Schubert's, "Thou Art My Peace." The audience listened in hushed silence. After it was over, Roland Hayes said that this was not a personal victory but the victory of a force that sang within him and subdued the hatred of the audience. We, too, may know that power; it is the power of the disturbing Christ who will have no part with our prejudices.

Second, Christ disturbs selfish interests. His stand on greed and exploitation is startling indeed. Listen to Him: "Whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it." Was it not dangerous for the rich young ruler to come to Jesus with the question, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" For Jesus reply was, "Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor... and come follow me." The price was too great. The young man loved his possessions too much; and he went away sorrowful.

Christ still stands as the greatest menace to greed and selfishness. We need to learn that any evil promoted for selfish gain at the expense of human personality must face the condemnation of Christ.

Third, Christ disturbs those who casually and formally profess religion. To those who came to worship he said, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." To be insincere in Christ's presence is always dangerous.

When we come into the Lord's presence we should always be searching our hearts to see what he sees. Too many of us have the outward form but inwardly are, as Jesus said to the Pharisees, "full of dead men's bones." Christ always sees us for what we really are.

Buie To Illustrate Bible Stories, In Chalk, At Bovina Revival Meet

James Buie will lead the March revival at Bovina Church, Vicksburg, March 20-25. Previously an association mission for seven years, Bovina will be experiencing the first revival effort as a constituted church. Buie will illustrate Bible stories and Bible truths using canvas board, colored lights, black light with fluorescent chalk, and rheostats.

Buie has given similar programs extensively in Europe and East Africa and in the southern U.S. He has served as pastor in Georgia, Louisiana, Mis-

sissippi, and Texas, as well as missionary in Madrid, Spain. He now is minister of special ministries for First Church, Baton Rouge.

The music program at the Bovina revival will be under direction of Charlie Caldwell, lay leader from First Church, Vicksburg. Jasper Collins, pastor, states that the evening services will begin at 7:30.

Strange how much you've got to know before you know how little you know.—Anonymous

Sunday School Lesson: International For March 20

The Way Of Forgiving Love

By Wm. J. Fallis

Luke 15

Two weeks ago we began our study of four key emphases in Jesus' teachings. That first one was unselfish service, which can be done for anyone — a family member or a stranger. The second emphasis was authentic fellowship with God in prayer. Thus, active service was balanced with communion with God.

Today we look at another plane of human experience — repairing personal relationships. This is not a matter of serving others; it involves appreciating, judging, trusting, and forgiving others. A word, a gesture, an oversight — almost anything can begin the tension that leads to resentment in personal relationships. Healing will require something even more than prayer.

The Lesson Explained
The Son Who Came To Himself (vv. 17-18)

This is the third parable Jesus told when he heard that Pharisees were criticizing his willingness to welcome and eat with sinners — those who did not live up to the Jewish law. Jesus saw them as lost and worth saving. After telling about the lost sheep and lost coin, he pictured a home with a father and two sons. Although the younger son seemed to have no special problems, he demanded his inheritance — as though the father were already dead — and traveled to a far country. There "he wasted his money in reckless living" (TEV). During a famine he was so desperate that he was willing to care for pigs.

At last "he came to himself" and began to remember who he was and what it was like back home. Even the hired workers would have more than enough to eat, but the younger son was starving. So, he made up his mind to go back and admit to his father that he had made a mess and would be glad to work for wages if he would let him. He had sinned against both God and his father.

The Father Who Was Glad To Forgive (vv. 20-24)

We don't know how distant the "far country" was — perhaps several days' journey, but we do know that while the boy "was yet a great way off, his

father saw him" and ran to meet him. That was the kind of father he was. Despite the wanton selfishness of the boy, his father was always ready to forgive him.

But forgiveness in the Bible is always a response to repentance. So the relationship of the father and son could not be made right until they came together, each in the right spirit. Although the son did not finish his planned confession, he said enough: "I have sinned." With that, the father called for a servant to prepare a cordial welcome for the son who had been found.

The Brother Who Resented Them (vv. 25-32)

As the celebration was getting started, the older son came in from his work. When he heard what was going on, he was so angry that he would not go into the house. So his father came out and begged him to come in. Then

all the resentment and pride boiled over. Some of his feelings were probably justified: after all, he had stayed on the place to help his father with the work, and it was probably heavier after the younger brother left. Also, the father probably should have shown in some special way his appreciation for the older son. But he still had a little self-centered spirit. He talked about "thy son" instead of "my brother"; obviously, he was not happy that the rebellious son had come back. He was not concerned about finding even a lost brother. He represented the self-righteous Pharisees.

But the parable closes with the words of the forgiving father — representing our Father in heaven. His circle of love included both the resentful son and the wasteful one. To safeguard the brotherly relations, he said they had to celebrate because they were all now reunited.

Revival Dates

Big Level Church, Wiggins: March 20-25; A. M. "Sonny" Moore, pastor of Ruleville Church, preaching; Mrs. Gwendolyn Hitt, music director, Big Level Church, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Julian Burt, pastor.

Lakeview Church, Leland: youth led revival; March 17-20; services 7:30 p.m.; youth team from BSU of Mississippi Delta Junior College; Mickey Reynolds, preacher; Tommy Kelly, song leader; Bobby Whittington, pianist; Charles Everitt, pastor.

Carmel, Monticello: March 21-26; Hoyte Nelson, First, Slidell, La., evangelist; annual homecoming on March 27 with Nelson as morning speaker, noon meal at the church, and singing in the afternoon; Charles Guy, pastor.

Leesburg (Rankin): March 20-25; Vance Dyess, evangelist; Danny Henderson, pastor; C. A. Southerland, minister of music; Sunday at 10:45 and 2 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; Monday-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; special offering to be Sunday taken to be placed in a trust fund for upkeep of the cemetery.

Arbor Grove Church, Houston: March 23-27; Messer, pastor of Highland Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Arlie Holloway, music director; Gene Stewart, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

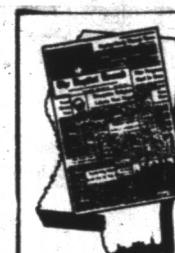
New Hope (Leake): March 18-20; Irvel Harrison, BSU director, Mississippi State University, evangelist; Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; dinner on the ground Sunday; David Pickel, singer; Jimmy Young, pastor.

Central, McComb: March 20-25; Wyatt Hunter, pastor emeritus, First, McComb, and interim pastor at Central, evangelist; Tommie Kelly, minister of music, East McComb, singer; services during week at 7 p.m.

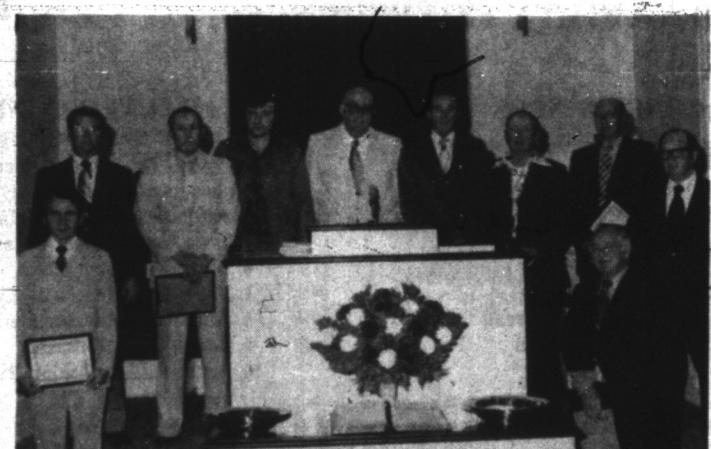
Central Church, Brookhaven: March 20-23; Tommy and Diane Winters, evangelist team from Tupelo, in charge; Associational Youth Rally on Saturday March 19, at Central; weekday services at 7 p.m. H. Glen Schilling, pastor; Mike Grim, minister of music and youth.

First Church, Indiana: March 20-25; James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Richard Smith, New Albany, singer; Dan Morton, pastor.

Macedonia Church, Brookhaven: March 20-24 at 7 p.m.; George Meadows, pastor of First Church, Hazlehurst, evangelist; Eddie King of Johnston Station Church, in charge of the music; Don Neren is pastor; Charles B. Still, minister of music and youth.

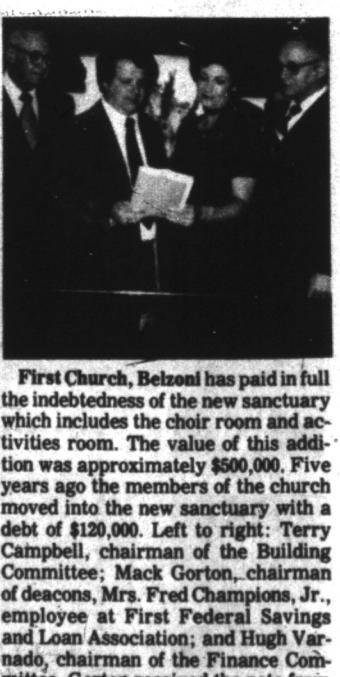


Just For The Record



First Church, Raleigh recently observed Deacon Emphasis week. Deacons were challenged to better deacons by their pastor, Robert H. Perry, as they sat as a body with their families on the first Sunday. Tuesday night the deacons along with the pastor studied the book, *The Ministry of the Deacon* and on Friday night the week concluded with a deacon and wife banquet. Therman Bryant of the Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, was guest speaker. Left to right: Hubert Parks, O. W. Idom, Mack Hawkins, Jim Kelly, Billy John Crumpton, Prentice Stuart, Olen Tadlock, Fred Bryant, Curtis Gable, Leslie Coleman (Not pictured — Verlon Hughes, James Ward). Each deacon received a certificate for participating in the week's activities.

The WMU of First Church, Oxford, kicked off a Missions Readathon by sponsoring a Book Fair. Fellowship Hall was the setting for an old-time fair with carousel music, free popcorn and lemonade. As participants entered they were given tickets that named and gave locations of foreign and home missionaries. Midway booths offered choices of fishing or target shooting for missions, being entertained by puppets, drinking oriental tea, looking at displays of reading materials on missionaries, or operating the new audio visual equipment at the Media Center. Baptist Young Women presented a skit depicting a scene in which the main character, Octopus Oli, gave an impersonation of an outreach librarian. The Readathon was launched on Sunday morning as Mrs. Betty Butler, Baptist Women president, presented Pastor Lewis Sewell with a book suggesting that he become the first participant in the year-long event.



First Church, Belzoni has paid in full the indebtedness of the new sanctuary which includes the choir room and activities room. The value of this addition was approximately \$500,000. Five years ago the members of the church moved into the new sanctuary with a debt of \$120,000. Left to right: Terry Campbell, chairman of the Building Committee; Mack Gorton, chairman of deacons, Mrs. Fred Champions, Jr., employee at First Federal Savings and Loan Association; and Hugh Varnado, chairman of the Finance Committee. Gorton received the note from Mrs. Champion marked PAID-IN-FULL. Jasper P. Neel, Jr. is pastor.



The Woman's Missionary Union of First Church, Picayune recently sponsored a Missions Fair as a church-wide activity. The recreation room of the church was transformed into a mission trip to many lands where Southern Baptists have missionaries. Each age group of the WMU organizations displayed artifacts and materials to stimulate missionary interest. Well-decorated booths depicted other countries through costumes, food, and mementoes. Leading out in the mission involvement at the church were (from left) Jean Saunders, Prayer Chairman; Carolyn Tourne, Enlistment Chairman; Helen Wilson, WMU director; Ernie Stuart, Baptist Young Women's director; Emmie Stoudenmire, Mission Chairman; (back row) Evelyn Clodinger, G.A. director; Lucille Gillis, Baptist Women's director; Elsie Lankford, Mission Friends director; Johnnie Stewart, Acteens director and Missions Fair coordinator.